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Minor Irrigation

Transfer of minor irrigation supervisors.

* 735 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any practice at present of transferring minor irrigation supervisors from one district to another and, if so, how many of them have been transferred within the last five years and if not, why;

(*b*) if there is no such practice or rule, whether the Government have any objection to consider the desirability of making a rule that no supervisors should remain in the same district for more than three years; and

(*c*) how many supervisors have remained in the same district as supervisors for more than (1) five years, (2) ten years and (3) fifteen years?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) Collectors are competent to appoint Minor Irrigation supervisors. The Government have no information how many supervisors have been transferred from district to district or have remained in the same district for any length of time.

(*b*) There is no rule preventing the transfer of Minor Irrigation supervisors from one district to another at any time. The Government are not aware of the necessity for making a rule as suggested. It would seem on the contrary to be an advantage that a man should remain long in an area where his accumulated experience and local knowledge would be useful.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"With reference to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*c*), may I know whether the Government will be pleased to call for information if there has been even one transfer of such a nature?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not see any object in doing so."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"With reference to clause (*b*), may I know which authority has to transfer these people if there is no rule preventing it?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The Board of Revenue."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether the hon. Member is taking steps to see that no man in all the departments under him is transferred from his district so that his experience and knowledge may not be lost to that district?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"No, Sir; the same considerations do not apply to all departments."

Public Service

Total savings effected by Government Orders regarding unpassed men in public service.

* 736 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what is the total saving in money effected by Government from the time the several Government Orders on the question of unpassed men in public service were enforced, and what is the amount thus saved in each department of Government?

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A.—The hon. Member does not state the precise Government Orders he has in mind. The various orders passed on the subject of unpassed men had not as any part of their object the effecting of "savings". The position was that the already existing rules governing the recruitment, pay and promotion of unpassed men had been to a considerable extent disregarded or misunderstood by the various departments and it was therefore necessary to restate and enforce them. It cannot therefore be correctly said that any "saving" was effected by these orders.

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"It cannot be said that no saving has been effected at all all these years? Was there really no saving effected all these years?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"That is asking the same question in another form; and the same answer applies."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"It is stated here that 'rules governing . . . unpassed men had been to a considerable extent disregarded or misunderstood . . . and it was therefore necessary to restate and enforce them.' Is it on account of the want of merit of the men or want of efficiency in the departments that the Government considered it necessary to restate and enforce the rules?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The answer is already on paper."

Extension of the privileges now conceded to depressed classes to those who had entered service as Indian Christians, etc.

*737 *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that members of the depressed classes entered into educational institutions and Government services, stating that they were caste Hindus or Indian Christians to save despicability as untouchables; and

(*b*) when such students or men in service declare their real caste and religion, whether Government propose to alter its records that they may get the concessions and privileges granted to the depressed classes at present?

A.—(*a*) No such cases have been brought to notice.

(*b*) The case will be considered when it arises.

Revenue Establishments

Appointment of an additional Treasury Deputy Collector to the Chatrapur Treasury.

*738-A *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how long the Berhampur division will be under a Deputy Collector, being a division usually held by a member of the Indian Civil Service;

(*b*) the reasons for appointing an additional Treasury Deputy Collector to the Chatrapur Treasury;

(*c*) whether Mr. Seshagiri Rao Pantulu has too much other revenue work to need assistance;